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For : EXPANDABLE RESIN BEADS OF STYRENE-MODIFIED,  
STRAIGHT-CHAIN, AND LOW-DENSITY POLYETHYLENE,  
PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF, PRE-  
EXPANDED BEADS AND EXPANDED MOLDED ARTICLE

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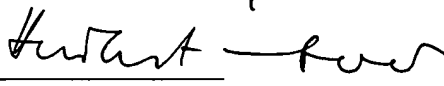
- (1) JP 1-284536 A, November 15, 1989, accompanied by an English language abstract and an English language machine translation thereof.
- (2) JP 4-183706 A, June 30, 1992, accompanied by an English language abstract and an English language machine translation thereof.


Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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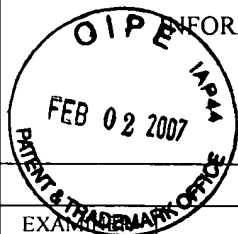
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